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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## COMBLES ENTERED BY THE BRITISH

### War Office Says Troops Are "Overcoming Resistance of the Germans"

### TOWN LONG MENACED BY ALLIED ADVANCE

French Have Captured Village of Frocourt and Penetrated Combles Cemetery — Bulgarians Active on Macedonian Front—Many Aerial Attacks.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Combles, long menaced by the steady advance of the British from the northwest and west and the French from the south and southwest, has at last been reached by the allied forces.

The war office announced this morning that the British have entered the town and are overcoming the resistance of the Germans.

From Paris comes the announcement that the French last night captured the village of Frocourt and penetrated the Combles cemetery.

Combles, a town of 2,000 population before the war, is of small strategic importance to the allies in their long continued encircling movement. It had been of notable value to the Germans because as long as they clung to it the allies in pushing forward their movement to Peronne were hampered. Turned into a strongly fortified position by German defensive ingenuity, it has persistently held fast.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—On the western end of the Macedonian front to the east of Florina the Bulgarians last night made violent counter attacks. Today's official announcement says the assaults were checked by the French. West of Florina the Russians and French made a combined attack and took 60 prisoners.

Between the Struma and the Vardar there was artillery fighting together with some skirmishing especially on the British front. No infantry actions developed in the sectors held by the Serbs.

On the Somme front yesterday there were 47 aerial engagements. The war office announced today that five German aeroplanes were brought down and others injured.

### THE WEATHER.

Overcast Tonight With Showers and Rising Temperature.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Overcast weather with probable showers Wednesday, warmer moderate west winds.

### First Baptist Church

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel this evening at 7:30. Topic, Christianity Compared with Other Religions. I Cor. 10:1-21. (Foreign Missions.) Leader, Miss Mae Douglas.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Tuesday evening at 7:30 — Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge. After the meeting there will be a short program in observance of the anniversary of the order. Refreshments.

## A GOOD PLACE TO BUY Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases

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## LUMBER COMPANY DENIES OBLIGATION

County Court Hearing Claim of Richard B. Reed — L. W. Waterman Criminal Case Coming Next.

The case of Richard B. Reed against the Lumber Co., now on trial in the Windham county court, had reached a point at the noon recess where the defendant had rested, leaving for the afternoon session the rebuttal testimony by the plaintiff, and the arguments.

The plaintiff claims that there is \$350 due him for labor from the defendant company, basing his claim on an alleged talk with President Eaton of the company in which the plaintiff claims that the president promised to see that he received pay for all of his labor after an independent contractor, by whom Reed was first employed, had failed to meet the terms of an agreement with Reed. The company denies the obligation.

P. E. Barber appears for the plaintiff and F. C. Archibald of Manchester and A. E. Cudworth of Londonderry for the defendant company.

The next case set for trial is that of the state against L. W. Waterman of Brattleboro, based on a statutory charge made by Dorothy Kendall of West Dummerston, who is now in the industrial school at Vergennes. The girl has been brought down to Newfane on a habeas corpus writ to testify against Waterman.

Waterman was arrested three weeks ago at the time several other men were arrested after the girl had told the authorities her story. Two of the others have received jail sentences and another is in Newfane jail awaiting the disposition of his case.

State's Attorney O. B. Hughes will be assisted by Attorney General H. G. Barber in the prosecution. Chase & Chase appear for the respondent.

## TWENTY-NINE KILLED IN ZEPPELIN RAID

Six Aircraft Took Part in Attack on Northeast Coast of England Last Night.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid. It was officially announced today. The raid, the second within a week, was made by several airships between 10:30 o'clock and midnight. They crossed over the east and north-east coasts.

The official account of the raid issued last night adds that probably six Zeppelins took part.

## WILL URGE KING TO JOIN ENTENTE

Premier Venizelos Wants Greece to Take Hand With Allies — Ministry Changes.

ATHENS, Sept. 26.—Former Premier Venizelos, who is on his way to the island of Crete, is expected to arrive there this evening or early tomorrow, proceeding thence to Canoa to address a proclamation to the people stating the reason for his departure from Athens and summoning King Constantine to head a movement to put Greece by the side of the entente. It is thought that this evening's cabinet meeting will decide to drop two members of the present ministry.

## GERARDS TO COPENHAGEN.

Wife of Ambassador to Germany to Sail for Home Sept. 28.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Gerard left Berlin today for Copenhagen whence Mrs. Gerard will sail for the United States on Sept. 28.

## LAKE STEAMER LOST.

Six Members of Crew of Roberval Drowned When Vessel Foundered.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Six members of the crew of the steamer Roberval of Ottawa were drowned when the vessel foundered in Lake Ontario yesterday, five miles from here. Three members of the crew reached here in an exhausted condition in a life boat.

A new electric lamp socket has a lock and key feature to prevent surreptitious removal of the bulb.

## Centre Congregational Church

Installation Program.

## THOMPSON TRUST ENLARGES WORK

### Trustees Working on Means of Preventing All Epidemics

### GIVING ATTENTION TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

No Intention of Furthering Research Investigation — Best Plan of Effective Co-Operation Being Studied — Statement by Mr. Bradley.

Various reports have appeared to the effect that the Thomas Thompson foundation has undertaken to combat the epidemic of infantile paralysis in order to keep it from reaching the children of the state.

Richards M. Bradley, of Boston and Brattleboro, the active trustee of the foundation has given the Reformer the following statement:

"The trust has no intention of furthering research investigation, to which large sums and the services of very able men are already being contributed in various parts of the country.

As to doing such work in Vermont the report of the state board of health upon the recent epidemic of the disease in several towns of the state shows that there is already the best possible safeguard in the state health authorities, if they have their work properly strengthened and backed by the people.

What probably brought about the report is that the trustees have for several years been interested in getting health inspection and health instruction into the schools of the state, and just now the commissioner of education is having an investigation made as to the best method of organizing and promoting this particular line of work in the schools.

This has a direct bearing upon the epidemic, as it has upon every epidemic, the schools being hitherto one of the chief means of distributing contagion.

The work done in Brattleboro under Miss Anna L. Davis by stopping several outbreaks of contagion with the first case has shown that such epidemics can usually be nipped in the bud by proper co-operation between the school nurse and the health officer.

One of the most effective results of the quiet talks of the school nurse with mothers and children has been that it has proved one of the best ways of arming the people with the knowledge that enables them to look out for themselves and their children and causes them to assist instead of resist the health officer when he is trying to protect the community.

It is to be hoped that the days, not so long distant, will never return, when doors were barred against the health officer and cases of dangerous contagion were kept in concealment.

To attempt to fight a sudden epidemic by means gotten up in a hurry is like trying to repel the invasion of a well-trained modern hostile army by individual valor and a few hastily assembled companies.

In the next year more children will die throughout the state from diphtheria, scarlet fever and other deadly contagions to which we pay little attention than from this more striking epidemic.

The machinery for preventing and handling these constantly recurring epidemics must be thought out in advance, organized and kept in constant working order if we are to guard our children effectively and with economy.

## TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN GRADES IS 676

Gain of Four Over Last Year, Although Fewer Attended Lower Grades—Roster of Teachers.

The total enrollment in the graded schools as shown by the records compiled by Miss Florence M. Wellman, supervisor of grades is 676, as against 672 last year, a gain of four. The upper grades are all much larger than last year while the lower grades are almost without exception smaller in enrollment than last year. The reason for this is not evident, although in part it may be due to the fact that some parents are keeping their children out of school for the present through fear of illness.

The enrollment in the Main street grades this year is 296 as against 288 last year. At Canal street it is 212 as against 206 last year. The Oak Grove school has only 67 this year, while last year there were 92. The outside primary schools have a total enrollment of 101 this year as against 116 last year.

The ninth grade has 54 this year, while it had only 39 last year, and the eighth grade has 68 pupils as against 55 a year ago.

It has been decided to have the seventh, eighth and ninth grades remain in session each day until 4 o'clock, and the last hour will be devoted to study under the supervision of the teachers for the preparation of lessons for the next day. Hardly any home study will be required.

In the ungraded room in the Main street building, taught by Miss Ethel A. Eddy, there are 18 pupils, and in the ungraded room in the Oak Grove building, Miss Lottie Dodge teacher, there are 10.

Following is the roster of teachers in high school:

E. Burr Smith, principal, algebra and English; Miss Mary D. Henshaw, mathematics; Miss Florence C. Allen, Latin; Miss Louise A. Bourne, German and Spanish; Miss Orlana Ramsey, English; Miss Ethel L. Oswood, French; Miss Jessie C. Pratt, commercial subjects; Miss Annie K. Parsons, commercial subjects; Leslie O. Johnson, science; Edmund R. Davis, history; Ralph M. Cram, supervisor of music; Miss Rosamond Ashley, household economics; Edwin M. Feeney, manual training; Dietrich Stolte, physical director for boys; Miss Helen E. Kimball, physical director for girls.

The complete list of teachers in the grades is as follows:

Main street building—9th grade, Miss Mabel Applein, Miss Helen R. Martin; 8th grade, Miss Sadie E. Winchester, Miss Nellie J. Fenn; 7th grade, Miss Elizabeth M. Hunter; 6th grade, Miss Martina Pihl; 5th grade, Miss Gertrude L. Marston; 4th grade, Miss Susie Clark; 3d grade at Grove street annex, Miss Inez C. Akley.

Canal street school—7th grade, Miss Minnie I. Rawson; 6th grade, Miss Nellie A. Prouty; 5th grade, Miss Georgianna J. McKean; 4th grade, Miss Leona Wright; 3d grade, Miss Grace A. Pike; 1st and 2d grades, Miss May H. Douglas.

Oak Grove school—4th grade, Miss Cole L. Martin; 3d grade, Miss Edith B. Douglas; 1st and 2d grades, Miss Rachel M. Packard; ungraded room, Miss Lottie M. Dodge.

Washington street school—Miss Lillian C. Newton.

Estevoy school—Miss Mary Croker.

High street school—Miss Esther A. Barrett.

Case street school—Miss Eloise Sanders.

## AUTO YARN STILL BEING DISCUSSED

### Some Give Story Credence in Spite of Lack of Proof

### LOAD OF CASKETS SEEN BY DR. THORN

Keene Hears Story of Similar Accident Between Chesterfield and Hinsdale, and Claremont Calls Brattleboro for Information.

The rumor that five decomposed bodies were found under an automobile off an embankment between Brattleboro and Greenfield, Mass., last week refuses to die. It has traveled far, as stories of that kind always do, and has reached the ears of thousands, and it is just traveling, but so far as can be learned the story is a pure creation of the imagination. If such an accident had happened and bodies had been found the town officials in the town in which they were found would know about it and the facts certainly would reach the newspapers and there would be something tangible upon which to work to secure the full information.

People in Greenfield, Deerfield, Mass., Brattleboro, Keene, Claremont and other places are talking about the report and some have been assured that "it is actually true," and newspapermen have tried to determine what was the basis for the story. While it would have been entirely possible for a car to have gone off a bank with fatal results, the inability of interested persons to get any definite clue connected with the present rumor stamps the story as a fake.

Under the heading Picturesque Rumor Is On Its Travels, the Manchester (N. H.) Union printed the following alleged yesterday from Keene:

"A rumor that an automobile had been discovered in the brush at the foot of a steep embankment of the road between Chesterfield and Hinsdale, with four decomposed bodies underneath, became current yesterday by newspapermen and county officials and it was found to be a canard. It was learned that a similar rumor had started the previous day in the towns of Brattleboro, Vt., and Greenfield, Mass. It seems that the location of the 'accident' is working up the line between New Hampshire and Vermont."

An interesting coincidence connected with the rumor comes from Dr. E. C. Thorn of Deerfield, Mass., formerly of Brattleboro. Dr. Thorn asked Dr. A. L. Pottee by telephone last night what he knew of the case, saying that he had heard of an accident and that he saw a load of caskets coming toward Brattleboro.

Today The Reformer called Dr. Thorn. He said that he heard of an accident the latter part of last week in which four persons were said to have been killed. He said that on Saturday forenoon as he was driving from Deerfield to South Deerfield in his automobile he met near the Cheapside bridge an automobile truck coming north with five caskets on board. They were grey and looked to be steel caskets. He associated the fact with the report and wondered if it could have been true. His idea was that the supposed accident happened in Guilford, but Guilford officials know nothing about it.

A Greenfield man who was in Brattleboro this week said that as he understood it there really had been an accident and five deaths, but he understood that one of the persons was a baby, who was not killed but starved to death.

This morning the report reached Claremont, N. H., and a Claremont newspaper called The Reformer by telephone to see if it could be verified.

## POLIO IN ESSEX CENTER.

Two-Year-Old Orvis Remington Victim of Infantile Paralysis.

BURLINGTON, Sept. 26.—The second case of poliomyelitis to appear this year in Chittenden county is that of Orvis, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Remington. The case was discovered at Essex Center Saturday.

The child lives with his parents at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols, in Essex Center. He was first noticed to be ill Friday, but he may have been ill a day or two before. Dr. M. W. Hunter, of Essex Junction, was called on Saturday and the case was reported to Dr. C. F. Dalton, secretary of the board of health as a case of poliomyelitis. Doctor Ladd saw the child Saturday afternoon and Doctor Taylor of the research laboratory at the college of medicine visited the patient. Paralysis of the muscles has not yet shown on the child, the case being one of weakness. The house, in which a boy 13 years of age also lives, has been put under strict quarantine.

## LOCAL CASES IN DISTRICT COURT

Session Opens in Rutland Next Tuesday — \$100,000 Suit Against Overland Company on Docket.

The docket is out for the October term of the United States district court which will open in Rutland Tuesday, October 3 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be both a grand and a petit jury session.

One case on the docket is that of Mrs. Nellie Harwood of Brattleboro administratrix of Gilbert F. Harwood against the Southern Railway company, Gibson & Waterman and Charles S. Chase for plaintiff and C. C. Fitts for defendant. The plaintiff alleges that her husband received injuries on the Southern railway which finally caused his death.

Victor A. Agostino, administrator of Livio Franceschetti, sues the National Metal Edge Box company of Readsboro, Holder & Healey for plaintiff and T. W. Moloney and C. C. Fitts for defendant. This is to recover damages for fatal injuries to Franceschetti.

Guy W. Bailey and Walter F. Scott sue the New England Casualty company, H. G. Barber of Brattleboro for plaintiff and Fred E. Gleason for defendant. In this action Mr. Bailey and Mr. Scott, state officials, seek to collect two bonds of \$25,000 each given by the Boston Condensed Milk Co. the conditions being that the company would comply with the laws of Vermont and pay to patrons any bills contracted by the company for milk and cream.

In the suit of George N. Ostrander against Amos N. Blandin and trustees, R. W. Moloney appears for plaintiff and C. C. Fitts and H. E. Eddy for defendant. This is a suit on a judgment for the plaintiff to recover commission on the sale of 65,000,000 feet of stumpage in Stratton, Winal, Sunderland and Manchester. The original suit was for \$175,000. The plaintiff secured judgment for \$25,000 in the United States district court for the northern district of New York.

The case of the Mohawk Overall company of Schenectady, N. Y., against Hooker, Corser & Mitchell company of Brattleboro is scheduled for hearing by Judge Harland B. Howe. Some time ago the Mohawk company secured a judgment for \$100,000 on account of damages alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff by reason of the action brought against it by the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell Co. The case never has been brought to trial and the defendant asks to have it brought forward and discontinued.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATS MEET

Convention at Concord Today Endorses National Administration Including Adamson Bill.

CONCORD, N. H., Sept. 26.—The Democratic state convention held here today ratified the selection of party candidates in the primaries and adopted a platform endorsing the national administration and specifically the Adamson eight-hour law.

In its references to state affairs the platform recommended the abolition of the governor's council and the establishment of the initiative and referendum and favored the submission of a constitutional amendment for equal suffrage. First consideration of the interests of the people of the state in the reorganization of the railroad system of the state was urged in connection with the Boston & Maine railroad.

## RHODE ISLAND TROOPS HOME.

Will Remain at State Mobilization Camp to Be Mustered Out.

PROVIDENCE R. I., Sept. 26.—Ambulance Company No. 1 and Troop B, Rhode Island cavalry, arrived at Davisville today. They immediately detoured and marched to the mobilization camp at Quonset where they will remain until mustered out.

The Jamestown (N. Y.) Congregational church has celebrated its centennial.

## MORE DISORDER IN NEW YORK STRIKE

### Many Elevated Trains Were Attacked Early This Forenoon

### UNIONS HESITATE TO JOIN BIG WALKOUT

Labor Leaders Acknowledge That Sympathetic Demonstration Set for Tomorrow May Have to Be Postponed—Fear of Blacklisting.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Disorder again broke out during the early hours today in connection with the street railway strike. According to the police, a dozen elevated trains were bombarded with sticks and stones thrown from rooftops by strikers and sympathizers.

Three persons were injured by flying glass and windows on a third avenue train were shattered by missiles. Two arrests were made. One of the men in custody is charged with having a revolver in his possession.

Executives of the Joint Labor Conference committee, who arranged for a general strike by organized wage earners in this city commencing tomorrow morning, as a sympathetic demonstration in aid of the striking carmen, announced last night that some of the unions of New York and vicinity probably would not be able to join in the movement until the end of this week or later.

Rumors that some such change in the original program might be considered expedient had been circulated frequently since the vote to suspend was taken on last Friday, but this was the first time they had been officially confirmed by the leaders.

The announcement was made after the leaders at their third meeting had received what they termed encouraging reports from many labor organizations which were said to have ratified the action of their business agents and delegates. It was estimated from these reports that 40 per cent of the organized strength of the workers in this city, or about 200,000 persons out of a possible 650,000, had already pledged themselves to the demonstration, but names of the unions were withheld, for the purpose, it was said, of protecting members from being "blacklisted" by employers.

## TO REACH BARRACKS ABOUT MIDNIGHT

Trains Bearing Vermont Troops at Rotterdam Junction at 2:30 This Afternoon—Via No. Bennington.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BENNINGTON, Sept. 26.—The trains bearing the Vermont regiment home from Texas were reported to be at Rotterdam Junction, N. Y., at 2:30 this afternoon. They will proceed to Burlington by way of Mechanicsville, Johnsonville and North Bennington, reaching the last named place probably about 5 o'clock. As it is four hours' run by regular train from North Bennington to Burlington it is probable that the Vermont troops will not get into barracks before midnight tonight.

## PRESIDENT IN PRINCETON.

Went There Today to Vote in New Jersey Primaries.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 26.—President Wilson left here this morning for Princeton, his former home, to vote in the New Jersey Democratic primaries. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

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